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Re: Request to Parallel Process the Draft  
Redesignation Petition and Maintenance  
Plan for LaPorte County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skinner:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for LaPorte County, Indiana, attached hereto, in reference to the 8-hour air quality standard for ozone. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

This attached document consists of the following:

*Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan*

- This document requests that the LaPorte County nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the US EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan considers a maintenance horizon of 2020 and analyzes 2010 as an interim year.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

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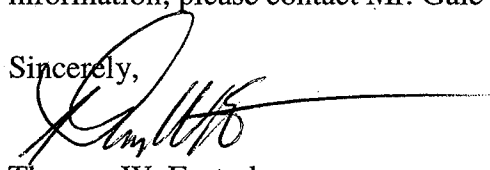
Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

- Contained in the Maintenance Plan is a new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for 2020. The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's travel-demand model and MOBILE6.2 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.

These draft documents are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through April 17, 2006. A public hearing concerning the draft petition is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2006, in the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Avenue, LaPorte, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft to the US EPA by the end of May 2006.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Gale Ferris, Air Programs Branch at (317)234-3653.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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